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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 3-26 are in the application. Claim 3 is in independent form. Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled by this amendment. Claim 26 is added.

Claim objections

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitation of the base claims and intervening claims. Claim 3 is rewritten into independent form. Limitations from claim 1 that were not thought to be relevant to the patentability of claim 3 are not included in claim 3.

Claim rejections 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 4,312,425 to Snow et al. ("Snow") alone or in view of various secondary references.

Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled without prejudice to re-file. Claims 4-26 are rewritten to depend from claim 3, which is thought to be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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